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FACTS ABOUT HATTIESBURG HOMESTEADS PROJECT

Official Name: Hattiesburg Homesteads

Location: In Forrest County, southeast Mississippi, 3 miles southwest of Hattiesburg.

Number of
Units: 24

History of
Projects: Hattiesburg Homesteads were initiated by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of the Interior, January 13, 1934. On May 15, 1935 the project was transferred to the Resettlement Administration by Executive Order, and it is now under the jurisdiction of the Farm Security Administration.

Purpose of
the Project: The project was established to afford 24 families whose wage-earners are employed in the trades and industries of Hattiesburg more adequate housing and an opportunity to raise their standard of living by producing the major portion of food requirements on subsistence homesteads.

Project
Description: 128 acres of rolling, well-drained land are included in the project. By use of fertilizer the land will produce all of the crops common in this section. Families will raise vegetables, fruits, poultry, and dairy products. Individual home sites average 5 acres, each having a combination garage, chicken house, and cow stall. Connection has been made to the Hattiesburg water mains and sewage disposal is by individual septic tanks. Electricity is furnished by a private utility. A project park, containing a lake, is to be developed. Children attend Hattiesburg schools. Gravel project roads have been developed.

House Description: Houses are one-story frame, clapboard construction, with modern plumbing, electricity, fireplace heating, and kerosene hot water heater. Nineteen have four rooms and 5 have five rooms.

